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The Honorable Sue Myrick
U. S. House of Representatives
509 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman Myrick:

Thank you for your letter of March 20, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Glenayre Technologies (Glenayre), regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. Glenayre expresses concern that the suspension of processing of paging applications will adversely affect small businesses that provide paging services.

The Commission is currently conducting a rulemaking proceeding that proposes to transition from licensing paging frequencies on a transmitter-by-transmitter basis to a geographic licensing approach, using auctions to award licenses where there are mutually exclusive applications. In conjunction with that proceeding, the Commission initially froze processing of applications for paging frequencies. On April 23, 1996, the Commission released a First Report and Order in WT Docket 96-18 and PP Docket 93-253, which adopted interim measures governing the licensing of paging systems and partially lifted the interim freeze for incumbent paging licensees. For your convenience and information, enclosed is a copy of the Press Release concerning the First Report and Order, which includes a summary of the principal decisions made. Specifically, small and medium sized incumbent paging companies will be permitted to expand their service areas if the proposed new site is within 65 kilometers (40 miles) of an authorized and operating site. These interim rules will remain in effect until the Commission adopts final rules in the paging proceeding.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

David Fuchs

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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to express my concern with a ruling issued by the Federal Communication Commission on February 8, 1996 that freezes paging license applications for regional and local paging operations. This action by the FCC directly impacts one of my constituents, Glenayre Technologies, headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina.

As a result of the freeze implemented by the FCC, Glenayre was forced to put existing orders for paging services on hold and limit the processing of new service orders. Due to the FCC's ruling, Glenayre was forced to report a projected \$10-12 million shortfall in revenues for the First Quarter of 1996.

However, it is my understanding that Glenayre is not alone in feeling the impact of this freeze by the FCC. In addition to the effect on those individuals employed in the paging industry, the freeze in license applications will effect more than 34 million subscribers who rely on paging services to provide messaging services that are critical to both business and emergency services.

Therefore, I respectfully ask that the Commission review its decision to halt the issuing of paging licenses and reverse its decision.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Sue Myrick
Member of Congress

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